



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-016**

### **DECLARING A DISASTER DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, severe weather conditions beginning on April 2, 2004, have resulted in snowpack and flooding that have affected areas throughout New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, the widespread flooding and snowpack have resulted in impassable roads throughout the State and damage to public infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, all available local and state resources may be insufficient to prevent damage from these storms and the resulting loss may pose a significant threat to the health and safety of the Citizens of, and visitors to the affected areas, as well as to the economic base of the affected local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting situation constitutes an emergency with potentially catastrophic consequences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL RICHARDSON**, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby declare a State of Disaster for the severe weather conditions in San Miguel and Mora Counties in accordance with Section 6-7-1 through 6-7-3, NMSA 1978 as amended. Disaster Assistance Program funds will be made available and disbursed to eligible applicants under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative in accordance with the Disaster Assistance Program Local Government Handbook and the Statutes of the State of New Mexico. All State Agencies are directed to provide such assistance as may be requested by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

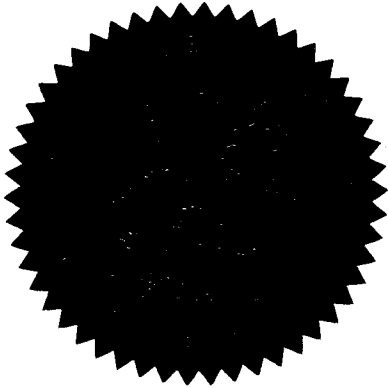
**I FURTHER DIRECT** the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with Section 20-1-6 and 20-4-3A New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, as amended. Such emergency assistance will be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Public Safety to utilize the \$750,000 in emergency financial resources designated in Executive Order No. 2004-015 while executing the purposes of this Executive Order. The Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety is directed to coordinate all requests for assistance, responses to such requests, and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

**ATTEST:**



**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE**



**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2004**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**



**BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR**